

C1 1. A switched reluctance machine comprising:

a stator including a plurality of circumferentially-spaced stator segment assemblies with a stator segment core and winding wire wound around said stator segment core;

a rotor defining a plurality of rotor poles, wherein said rotor tends to rotate relative to said stator to maximize the inductance of an energized winding; and

a drive circuit that energizes said winding wire around said stator segment assemblies to control operation of said switched reluctance machine based on a rotational position of said rotor.

C2 9. In a switched reluctance machine that includes a stator, a rotor and a machine housing, an improved stator comprising:

a plurality of circumferentially-spaced stator segment assemblies that are arranged around an inner surface of said machine housing of said switched reluctance machine,

each of said stator segment assemblies defining a salient stator pole that extends in a radially inward direction, wherein inter-polar stator slots are defined between adjacent stator segment assemblies, and

said stator segment assemblies including a stator segment core and winding wire that is wound around said stator segment core.

C3 16. A switched reluctance machine comprising:

a machine housing;

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amended. a rotor that rotates relative to said machine housing of said switched reluctance machine; and

a stator that is mounted on an inner surface of said machine housing, said stator including a plurality of circumferentially-spaced stator segment assemblies, wherein said stator segment assemblies include a stack of stator plates forming a stator segment core and winding wire that is wound around said stator segment core,

wherein each of said stator plates has a generally "T"-shaped cross-section, a radially outer rim section, and a tooth section that extends radially inwardly from a center portion of said radially outer rim section.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are now at issue. Claims 1, 9 and 16 are amended herein. Applicants are submitting a Declaration of Donald J. Williams in support of the prior Amendment filed August 2, 2002. Reconsider and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1211.

Respectfully submitted,

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